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GLOBAL CONFERENCE ON THE
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF
SMALL ISLAND DEVELOPING STATES
Organizational session
15 and 16 April 1993
Item 2 of the provisional agenda

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Provisional agenda

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2. Adoption of the agenda.

3. Preparations for the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States.

4. Provisional agenda for the first session of the Preparatory Committee.

Annotations

1. Election of officers

In paragraph 9 of its resolution 47/189, the General Assembly welcomed the candidature of Ambassador Penny Wensley (Australia) for the Chairmanship of the Preparatory Committee for the Conference. It decided that the Preparatory Committee at its organizational session would elect a Chairman and other officers, comprising four Vice-Chairmen, including a Rapporteur, giving due regard to equitable geographical representation. The General Assembly further decided in paragraph 12 of its resolution 47/189, that the host country of the Conference, Barbados, would be ex officio a member of the Bureau.

2. Adoption of the agenda

The provisional agenda for the organizational session of the Preparatory Committee has been drawn up on the basis of General Assembly resolution 47/189.

3. Preparations for the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

At its forty-seventh session, the General Assembly, recalling its resolutions 44/228 and 45/202, decided to convene in April 1994 the first Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, which would be of two weeks' duration and would have the highest possible level of participation. The Assembly also accepted the generous offer of the Government of Barbados to host the Conference.

In this connection, the Assembly decided to establish a Preparatory Committee open to all the participants listed in paragraph 9 of General Assembly resolution 46/168, as well as representatives of relevant regional and subregional organizations, in accordance with the established practice of the Assembly. It further decided that the Preparatory Committee should hold a two-day organizational session at United Nations Headquarters, not later than April 1993, for the purpose of electing its chairman and the other officers and organizing its work.

In paragraph 13 of resolution 47/189, the Assembly requested the Secretary-General, within the context of the administrative arrangements to be put in place to coordinate the implementation of Agenda 21 and the servicing of the Commission on Sustainable Development, and in close cooperation with the United Nations Environment Programme, the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and other relevant organizations and programmes of the United Nations system, to establish a focal point with a senior official, at an appropriate level and with the necessary specialized expertise, to service fully the preparations for and holding of the Conference and to ensure such follow-up action as may result therefrom.

The Assembly also requested the Secretary-General to prepare a report, to be submitted to the Preparatory Committee at its organizational session, containing recommendations on an adequate preparatory process, taking into account the provisions of its resolution 47/189 and the views expressed by Governments during the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development.

The Assembly further requested the Secretary-General to prepare draft rules of procedure for consideration by the Preparatory Committee at its organizational session, and, in that context, to include proposals for the participation of representatives of associate members of the regional commissions, outside the negotiating process, and, in accordance with the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, to allow them to contribute to the Conference and its preparatory process.

By the same resolution, the Assembly decided that the Preparatory Committee would hold a substantive session of two weeks' duration in August 1993 at United Nations Headquarters, at which time it would:

(a) Draft the provisional agenda for the Conference, in accordance with the provisions of Assembly resolution 47/189, on the basis of recommendations to be submitted by the Secretary-General;

(b) Receive and consider the substantive contributions referred to in paragraphs 6, 16 and 17 of the resolution;

(c) Prepare draft decisions to be submitted to the Conference for consideration and adoption.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General containing recommendations on an adequate preparatory process, taking into account the provisions of General Assembly resolution 47/189 and the views expressed by Governments during the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (A/CONF.167/PC/2)

Report of the Secretary-General on the draft provisional rules of procedure (A/CONF.167/PC/3)

4. Provisional agenda for the first session of the Preparatory Committee

The Preparatory Committee, at its organizational session, may wish to draw up a provisional agenda for its first session (A/CONF.167/PC/L.1).